

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 March 2020

Decision No: (CAB 19/20 26337)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR PLACE AND TRANSPORT
SUBJECT:	TRANSPORT FOR THE SOUTH EAST GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL
AUTHOR:	Geoff Hobbs

THE DECISION

- (i) To note the content of the proposal to establish a sub-national transport body for the South East to be known as Transport for the South East (TfSE), as set out in this report.
- (ii) To endorse the proposal to establish TfSE as the sub-national transport body for the South East and the suite of powers as set out in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The proposed sub-national transport body is a unique opportunity to draw powers and funding down from the Government for the benefit of local and sub-national transport priorities in the South East region. As one of 16 Local Transport Authorities within this region, Southampton City Council is well placed to influence, contribute to, and benefit from the initiative. Accordingly, the Council has engaged extensively in the process of developing a draft proposal and discussions to date around powers to be sought.
2. In order to submit its' Final Proposal to the Government for the proposed sub-national transport body to be fully constituted with an agreed suite of powers, TfSE first needs the approval of its' 16 constituent Local Transport Authorities.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Once TfSE has achieved statutory status, it will exist as a legal entity with the potential to evolve and develop its own relationships both with Government and with other organisations in the wider sub-national context such as Highways England, Network Rail and port and airport operators. This status brings with it the potential for devolved decision-making responsibilities and funding to support investment in sub-national transport

priorities within the South East.

2. Other option considered:

- For Cabinet to not give SCC approval to TfSE to submit the Final Proposal to the Government. This option is not recommended on the basis that this course of action would mean TfSE would not be able to take a key step necessary in order for it to becoming formally established as a sub-national transport body, which would risk the South East region losing out to other sub-national transport bodies in funding received from the Government for delivery of sub-national transport priorities.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17th March, 2020

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>